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SOURCE Competent American observer from a well-placed informant who has good connections among Nablus communist leaders.

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1. Field Comment. According to a Jordanian with close contacts in the Palace, the opposition element, consisting of Samir Rifa'i (see 80's-92218, -99103*) supporters, and ex-supporters of the Prime Minister, expressed great concern over the inclusion of Khulusi al-Khayri, Musa Naar, Amrur Nusaybih, and 'Ali Hasna in the new cabinet which was formed on 30 September 1952. According to informant, this selection reflects the desperate position of Abu-al-Huda in turning toward ex-Mufti elements now that he has lost the confidence of many of his own former adherents.
2. Washington Comment. Nusaybih was reliably reported in April 1950 as a member of the Palestine Arab Party (PAP) and as a follower of the Mufti.
3. Field Comment. Al-Khayri, Naar, Nusaybih and Hasna formerly have been closely associated with the ex-Mufti.
4. Washington Comment. Nabulsi was reliably reported on 17 July 1950 to be a staunch supporter of the Grand Mufti.

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